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Setting up of Start-up Hubs
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has proposed to set-up "Start-up hub, as well as incubators to help budding entrepreneurs in all States and UTs and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has held consultations with various States/UTs in this regard and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has taken any measures to boost start-ups and entrepreneurship in various States including Kerala and it so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Government has made any attempts to include top corporate houses to support the initiative by setting up new incubators or scale-up existing incubators in collaboration with educational institutes and is so, the details thereof?

Answer

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THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
(SHRIMATI NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

(a): Startup India Hub was operationalised on 1st April 2016 to resolve queries and provide handholding support to Startups. The hub has been able to resolve 13, 500 queries received from Startups through telephone, email and Twitter. The hub also facilitates users by providing various tools for startups like policy documents, sectoral researchers, business templates, training and webinars, bulletin board, discussion forums as part of knowledge core. DIPP has requested State Governments and administration of Union Territories to set up a hub as well as incubators to help Startups during various stages of their life cycle.

(b) to (d) : A day-long Conference was held on 23rd July, 2016 in New Delhi to discuss the progress and good practices of the State Governments including Government of Kerala on startup India initiative along with Central Ministries. Besides the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations, all the stakeholders of the startup ecosystem participated to exchange ideas and suggest avenues to build alliances. In order to help startups and budding entrepreneurs, top companies in terms of Corporate Social Responsibility have been requested to set up incubators by collaborating with industry and reputed institutions and also establish tie-up with various players of the eco-system, viz. incubators, accelerators, investors, mentors, etc. 20 industry bodies and organisations have been recognized who will assess the innovative nature of Startups and provide certificates to enable them to get recognition from Government. For incubators to get recognition by Government of India a module to recognize incubators has been launched. This will allow them to issue recommendation letters to Startups.
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